

## Community News

**Toro Pikopiko Puppetry** presents 'APO The Greedy Taniwha'. Tuesday 8 October at 11.00 am. St John's Ambulance Hall, Kakamutu Road, Otorohanga. *Children of all ages welcome – free entry.*

**Harvest Holiday Programme** Tuesday 1 to Friday 4 October from 10am to 1pm at \$5 a morning. Welcome to all Primary school age children, come along for a whole bunch of FUN!!! Rock climbing, arts & crafts, games, movies. Harvest Centre, 5 Tuhoro St, Otorohanga, phone 07 873 8893.

**Otorohanga Junior Cricket** Combined Otorohanga Schools Term 4 muster for Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 (Saturday hardball games) Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am (Postponement date 15<sup>th</sup> September) @ Otorohanga Domain. Any queries phone Lorraine 07 873 2847 or 027 6644 087. We hope to see your keen cricketer there!!!

## Children's Work

Thank you for helping us raise money for our miniball and basketball uniforms. We made a profit of around \$900 for our school hangi last Friday and it was delicious. Thank you for helping us teachers, Steve, Myke, Blake, Phillip, Alannah and Johanna. It was fun.



## What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

19/20 September	Snow Day Trips	
27 September	Community Assembly	
27 September	End of Term 3	
9-11 October	Staff Professional Development	
14 October	Term 4 begins	
16 October	School Photographs	Mrs Tamae Dimond



# Newsletter

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Whaia te ara totika – Make the Right Choice

Term Three 2013

Week Seven – 13 September

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Whanau and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Our office administrator Glenys George has resigned. Glenys' husband, Alan has accepted a Ministry position in Paeroa and will be moving there in October.

We have been extremely fortunate to have Glenys as part of our school as a specialist music teacher, classroom release teacher, short term reliever and office administrator. We have appreciated her contribution to Waitomo Caves School and will miss her terribly. We wish Glenys and Alan well with their new adventures in Paeroa.

Also well wishes to Bonnie, our bus driver, as she moves closer to family in Mokotua, near Invercargill, for the next six months at the end of this term.

## Ski Day Trips

Please re-read the green notice that was sent home last week.

We will leave for Mt Ruapehu at 7.00am. We recommend children be at school **no later than 6.45am**. If we can leave earlier once everyone has gathered we will go. Children will travel to the Whakapapa Ski Field in vehicles so we can begin our days skiing as close to 9.30am as possible.



**WAITOMO  
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CAVES  
NEW ZEALAND**



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Please make sure your child/children have the correct clothing needed. Children will require a packed lunch with snacks and a drink for the day. We will conclude our day on the mountain at 4.00pm to collect fish and chips on the way home in Taumarunui. We will aim to return to school by 7.00pm. If for whatever reason times change, we will keep in contact with parents via the school mobile phone. (Mob: 0273910746). Also please keep in mind that there are some areas along the route that does not allow cell phone coverage but we will do our best.

It is important all money is received before we leave next week. This includes dinner money, clothes hire and costs parents incur for their own private skiing. If parents helping with transport plan on having dinner with the group please let Mrs Dimond know asap and send in \$10 per person.

### **Miniball/Basketball**

Competition games have begun this week and the teams have made a good start. Miniball draws have been received on Monday's so we will do our very best to make sure they are distributed to players on the same day. Please check your child's bag for the miniball/basketball draw on Monday's.

### **Mathletics**

Kio Kio School who are hosting this year's COP's Mathletics day have rescheduled for Thursday 19 September. Due to the ski day trip clash I will endeavour to make some arrangements with parents of those who are eligible to participate.

### **Reading**

The following are useful websites for booklists or digital stories provided by Mary Maarhuis following our recent parent meeting.

<http://schools.natlib.govt.nz/creating-readers>

[www.stroylines.org.nz](http://www.stroylines.org.nz)

<http://christchurchcitylibraries.com>

[www.taurangareading.org.nz](http://www.taurangareading.org.nz)

[www.guysread.com](http://www.guysread.com)

<http://rellco.wikispaces.com>

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org>

### **School Uniforms**

There are a number of school sports tops, hockey and soccer uniforms outstanding as well as school containers used for soccer half time oranges. Please send these into school urgently. School photos are coming up soon and if your child hasn't returned their sports uniform they will not be in the team photo.

## **Student Code of Conduct**

The children's code of conduct forms the basis of behaviour expectations within our school. At Waitomo Caves School we call these 'Students Rights and Responsibilities'. Next newsletter we will share student rights, the following are student responsibilities.

### **STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

Here are some things you should do without being told.

Some of these things you do for others and some of these things you do for yourself.

Here are your important responsibilities.

#### **1. YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ALLOW OTHERS TO WORK WITHOUT BEING BOTHERED**

This means that you quietly make good use of your time and do not bother others.

#### **2. YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO COMPLETE YOUR CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS**

This means that you do your best with your class assignments and homework, being sure to hand them in on time.

#### **3. YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP MAKE SCHOOL A GOOD PLACE TO BE.**

This means being thoughtful, respectful and courteous to others.

#### **4. YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE CARE OF PROPERTY**

This means that you take care of school property and respect the property of others.

#### **5. YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO COME TO SCHOOL**

This means that you come to school every day, on time, unless you are sick or have a special reason to be absent.

#### **6. YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO OBEY RULES**

This means observing all safety, playground and classroom rules.

#### **7. YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE SCHOOL MESSAGES HOME**

This means that it is important for you to take school messages to your parents/caregivers.